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In re Application of:

Elfi Biedermann et al.

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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-entitled patent application are the following:

Second Preliminary Amendment 1.

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 32, 33, and 41 to read as follows:

32.)(Amended) A method for preventing, reducing, or eliminating side effects or neutralizing the side effects of a cancerostatic or immunosuppressive agent adm/inistered prophylactically or therapeutically to a patient/ comprising administering to the patient(a compound having vitamin PP activity or a prodrug thereof.

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